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Make a Difference for National Foster Care Month

Six Ways You Can Impact a Child in Foster Care

Florence, AZ – May 5, 2020 – The month of May is National Foster Care Month, a time to recognize the critical role that we each can play in transforming the lives of foster youth in our communities. There are currently more than 13,000 children in foster care in Arizona. Over 1,100 of these children currently reside in Pinal County.

Thousands of committed foster parents, social workers, advocates, professionals, and volunteers work tirelessly to protect and nurture these vulnerable children and find them a permanent, stable place to call home but there is more the community can do to help.

“Statistics have shown, when a child in foster care has a Court Appointed Special Advocate who is voicing their needs, they spend less time in foster care.” said Pam Burke CASA Coordinator. “a foster child is surrounded by caring adults who are working to provide services to their family, but a CASA is a consistent adult who advocates for the best interest of the child. We work as a team to help children heal from the trauma they once endured to reach a permanent and safe closure.”

In honor of National Foster Care Month, we encourage the community to learn more about the many ways you can impact the lives of these children. You can make a difference, here’s how:

- Become a foster or adoptive parent.
- Volunteer as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) to speak up on behalf of these children in court.
- Serve on the Foster Care Review Board (FCRB) to review the case status of children in your county.
- Help spread the word in your community by organizing an event, speaking to a community group, or hosting a training.
- Support the agencies that endeavor to meet the unmet needs of foster children such as Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation or Arizona Helping Hands.

For more information on National Foster Care Month, visit www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth/. To learn more about becoming a CASA Volunteer, call us at 520-866-7076 or visit our website at www.CASAofPinalCounty.org.

A woman with curly hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and a light-colored quilted vest, is kneeling on a paved path in a park. She is smiling and adjusting a yellow helmet on a young child. The child is wearing a striped shirt and denim overalls. A small red and blue bicycle is on the ground nearby. The background shows trees and a grassy area.

Support the Child —and the Family.

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